







Accessible Parking: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know

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OBJECTIVES

-  Establish legal points of reference
-  Learn how many accessible spaces are required in a parking lot
-  Understand placard color scheme
-  Understand differences in license plates
-  Understand differences in accessible parking signage & spaces
-  Understand penalties for violations

LEGAL REFERENCES

 23 CFR 1235: Uniform System for Parking for Persons with Disabilities

 Texas Transportation Code

 502.253: Persons with Disabilities

 502.254: Disabled Veterans

 Chapter 681: Privileged Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) Parking
4.1.2 and 4.6.1 – 4.6.6



REQUIRED SPACES

Total Parking in Lot	Required Minimum number of Accessible Spaces	Total Parking in Lot	Required Minimum number of Accessible Spaces
1 to 25	1	201 to 300	7
26 to 50	2	301 to 400	8
51 to 75	3	401 to 500	9
76 to 100	4	501 to 1000	2 percent of total
101 to 150	5	1001 and over	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1000
151 to 200	6		

REQUIRED SPACES

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Required Minimum Number of Accessible Parking Spaces	Required Number of "Blue Placard Only" Accessible Parking Spaces	Required Number of Non-Color-Coded Accessible Parking Spaces
1	* No color-coding required	
2	1	1
3	1	2
4	2	2
5	2	3
6	3	3
7	3	4
8	4	4
9	4	5
10	5	5
All even numbers greater than 10	One-half	One-half
All odd numbers greater than 10	The largest whole number less than half the total required	One more than the number of "blue placard only" required

TEXAS BLUE PLACARD



Reserved for Severe Mobility
Related Disabilities

“Cannot walk without the use of an assistive device (brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, or another person) OR cannot ambulate without a wheelchair or similar device.” (TTC Chp 681)

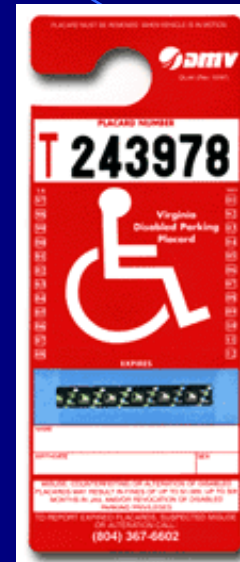
TEXAS RED PLACARD

Red placards are issued to a person who:

- is legally blind
- cannot walk 200 feet
- has a pulmonary disorder
- uses portable oxygen
- has a cardiac condition
- is limited in ability to walk



PLACARD OR PLATE? OR BOTH?



Depends on the
disability, and
where you need to
park

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

 Changing in Texas –
1999

 “Non-colored” parking
space??

 New signage!

 Van Accessible

 Blue Placard Only

 *May* see Red Placard
signs



NOW PLATES AND/OR PLACARDS MATTER!



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WHAT HAPPENS IF ...?

1. I've developed a disability but haven't gotten a plate or a placard yet, and I park in an accessible parking space at the grocery store?
2. I nor my passenger have a disability, but it's Dad's car with the special plate & I park in an accessible parking space at the bank?

WHAT HAPPENS IF ...?

3. My blue placard expired yesterday and I've done my online renewal request so I park in an accessible space at Walgreen's with my blue placard still hanging from the mirror?
4. I loaned my permanent red placard to a friend who's having trouble getting around on crutches because he severely sprained his ankle and won't be able to walk well again for at least a couple more months (he really qualifies for a temporary blue placard) and he parks in a "Van Accessible" space at Home Depot?

WHAT HAPPENS IF ...?

5. I just need to dash into the post office & put a package in the mail, so I park behind the shared access aisle between two vans parked in “Van Accessible” spaces and I leave the motor running?
6. I have a blue placard but when I get to the grocery store, all the “Blue Placard Only” spaces are taken – so I park in a non-colored accessible space?

WHAT HAPPENS IF ...?

7. I have a red placard and all the non-colored spaces at the post office are full, so I park in one of the “Van Accessible” spaces while I go in & pick up my mail?
8. I have a Disabled Veteran license plate on my van, but no placards, and I park in a “Van Accessible” space at the movie theater?

WHAT HAPPENS IF ...?

9. I have to use a cane to walk (I qualify for a Blue Placard) and I have a plate for persons with disability on my truck instead of a placard because I don't like stuff hanging from my mirror. I dash to the grocery store to get some things & park in a "Blue Placard Only" accessible space...?
10. I back my truck into a parking space and the bed hangs over about half the sidewalk (there are curb cuts at each end of this sidewalk, but they're far from my parking space)?

TABLE OF PENALTIES

OFFENSE	PENALTY
1 ST	\$250 - \$500
2 ND	\$300 - \$600
3 RD	\$300 - \$600 <u>PLUS</u> 10 - 20 hours community service
4 th	\$500 - \$1000 <u>PLUS</u> 20 - 50 hours community service
5 th	\$1000 <u>PLUS</u> 50 hours community service

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.dot.state.tx.us

www.capitol.state.tx.us/statutes/tntoc.html

www.license.state.tx.us/ab/abtas.htm

www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/disabilities

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THAT'S ALL FOLKS!



QUESTIONS?